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Please amend the specification as follows:

Please amend the paragraph on page 2, lines 4-6 as follows:

United States Patent Application Serial No. 08/880,184, entitled "INTELLIGENT PROXY OBJECTS", by Keshaba Chandra Sahoo, et. al., Attorney Docket No. 30566.24USU1, filed on June 20, 1997, now United States Patent No. 6.040,830 issued on March 21, 2000.

Please amend the paragraph on page 11, lines 6-19 as follows

Since the version of the object's introduction is higher than the file version in FIG. 4C, problems may be encountered by streaming out the object in its introduction version. For example, the prior application program version may not have the capabilities to read, display, or utilize the object (when the prior application program version is lower than the object introduction version). Consequently, the object is represented as a proxy object when the file is opened in the old version at step 502. The proxy object holds onto the object's data and faithfully streams the data in an out of persistent storage at step 504. The proxy object may provide a limited set of functionality for the object. For example, in a computer graphics application, the proxy object may merely display a bitmap of a circle object. Proxy objects are more fully described in United States Patent Application Serial No. 08/880,184, entitled "INTELLIGENT PROXY OBJECTS", by Keshaba Chandra Sahoo, et al., Attorney Docket No. 30566.24USU1, filed on June 20, 1997, now United States Patent No. 6,040,830 issued on March 21, 2000 which is hereby fully incorporated by reference.

